(b) There is no uncovered area in MTNL, however, WLL systems have also been inducted into the network of MTNL Delhi and Mumbai Units.

(c) and (d) Do not pertain to MTNL.

Security deposits

217. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of money collected by his Ministry during the past three years ending October 31, 2003, by way of security deposits from the subscirbers at the time of obtaining the facility; and

(b) the amount refunded during the said period on closing the connections by the subscribers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Fall in profits of BSNL

†218. SHRI MOTILAL VORA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a fall of around 75 per cent in the profit of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. during the year 2002-03 as compared to the year 2001-02;

(b) the details of the profits made by BSNL from April, 2003 till date during the current period and to what extent this profit is less in comparison to the same period of last year;

(c) the reasons for continuous fall in the profit of BSNL and measures adopted by it to check this trend; and

(d) by when the results would be achieved regarding the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.